

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 7/26

9am Worship

1:30pm EV Lunch Fellowship

Monday 7/27

10am IDA Public Library Bookmobile in parking lot

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

5:30pm Trustee Meeting

Tuesday 7/28

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

7pm Boy Scouts Outside

Wednesday 7/29

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study

10:30am Fitness Class

5:30pm Soccer Practice

Thursday 7/30

5:30pm Soccer Practice

Saturday 8/1

8:30am UMM Meeting

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God~

All that we have comes from God; we are caretakers of what belongs to Him. As an act of faith, we return a portion of God's provision for the growing and continuation of His work. There is an offering plate as you enter for tithes and offerings, you can send them through our website, or they may be mailed to the church office.



Belvidere First

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

July 26, 2026



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Order of Worship for July 26, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "Let the Worshippers Arise"
"No Longer Slaves"

***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 146 UMH #858

Liturgist: Ronn Gordon

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

One: Put not your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Many: Their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

One: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

Many: whose hope is in the Lord, their God,

One: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

Many: who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

Many: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

One: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

Many: the Lord loves the righteous.

One: The Lord watches over the sojourners,

Many: and upholds the widow and the orphan; but the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.

One: The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Many: Praise the Lord!

***Scripture:** Isaiah 61: 1-3

Luke 4: 16-21

Discipleship Time: Vacation Bible School

Prayer Song: "We Shall Overcome" UMH #533

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jim Bell

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jay Shin

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

Liberating God, You are the One who proclaims good news to the poor, freedom to the captives, and hope to all who long for Your healing. In Jesus Christ, You have declared that Your Kingdom is here among us, bringing mercy, restoration, and new life.

Receive these gifts and receive our lives. May what we offer today become instruments of Your Kingdom, bringing hope where there is despair, freedom where there is bondage, and love where there is brokenness. Use these gifts and our lives to proclaim Your Kingdom, bringing good news, freedom, and hope to all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Hope of All Hearts"

***Benediction**

***= Stand as able**

****Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available from any usher****

Luke 4: 16-21

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Isaiah 61: 1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,

because the LORD has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim freedom for the captives

and release from darkness for the prisoners,^[a]

² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor

and the day of vengeance of our God,

to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty

instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise

instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,

a planting of the LORD

for the display of his splendor.